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## APPENDIX II

[Vide answer to question No. 62 (*g*) asked by Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd August 1933, page 154 supra.]

*Proceedings of the Komarapalaiyam Panchayat Board at its urgent meeting held on Monday, the 24th April 1933, at 2 p.m. in the premises of the Komarapalaiyam Panchayat Board.*

PRESENT:

M.R.Ry. J. K. Kandaswami Chettiyar Avargal (*President*).

,, K. V. Venkatasubba Ayyar Avargal and eight others (*Members*).

Read the G.O. No. 1473, L. & M., dated 12th April 1933, asking this Board to show cause why this Board should not be superseded for one year.

*Resolution.*—M.R.Ry. L. K. Lakshmana Chettiyar placed a written proposal seconded by G. Marimuthu Chettiyar, Vice-President, and supported by J. S. A. Subramania Chettiyar, K. V. Venkatasubba Ayyar and Muthukumara Mudaliyar at 2 p.m. to-day stating that ever since the new Board was constituted the President without functioning the executive powers of this Board as per law and discharging duties on his own accord and that without any reason dismissed this Board's servants including the scavengers and that he did not take interest in the income of the Board and in several ways caused loss to the Board and if that members pointed out the same he did not pay attention and that he, with the aid of the four members, rejected the resolutions of the other five members and that he issued notices to his *side* members and taking the advantages of the absence of members and in inconvenient day he frequently convened meetings and that villagers had not expected any benefit by this Board possessing party feelings and as this causes dishonour and contempt to the villagers and that Board is to be dissolved for one year in compliance of the G.O. No. 1473, L. & M., dated 12th April 1933.

The president and four members submit the following causes in support of the good administration of this Board:—

(1) The budget for the year 1933–34 was passed by a majority including the opposition member.

(2) House-tax scale for the year 1933–34 was passed and sanctioned by ten members unanimously.

(3) On economical ground this Board cut the salaries and has earned a saving of Rs. 1,749.

(4) The old servants were dismissed by the President for acts of disobedience and neglect of duties and that the newly appointed low-paid servants collected the taxes satisfactorily and the liabilities of the old Board were cleared up to Rs. 1,250 and that the balance of pay for three months were now paid to menials.

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(5) The old Board had allowed the clerk, S. V. Appavu Pillai, to reside in the office building and illegally agreed for three years in a registration document for a higher rent of Rs. 11 per mensem and that was cancelled by the new Board and a building on Rs. 7 per mensem as rent is got up and the clerk, Appavu Pillai, was evicted from the office building.

(6) We are prepared to prove that meeting notices to all members to all meetings were circulated.

(7) As per advice of the Health Officer two new model latrines are constructed to the benefit of the villagers.

(8) The old Board managed the petromax lighting and the new Board let it on contract and has effected a saving of Rs. 720 per annum.

(9) The old Board leased the Weekly Market for Rs. 630 in public auction for the year 1932–33 but now the new Board for the year 1933–34 leased the same in auction for Rs. 1,634. Further there are high income in other leases.

(10) The President and the Board discharge its functions according to law which facts may be verified by the benign Government by appointing a Government Officer for a further enquiry to understand the real things.

(11) The enquiry of the President, District Board, was incomplete and that there were ill-feeling in the District Board election between the hon. Diwan Bahadur Ellappa Chettiyar and this Board President with four members which is a result of the present situation.

(12) There was no disturbance either in the Board meetings or in the village.

(13) After the reduction of salaries on 24th December 1932 to show sympathy petitions were submitted to the Government on 27th December 1932 and 30th December 1932.

(14) We are of opinion that full details can be seen from the replies of our President to the President, District Board, on 26th February 1933, and we humbly request that the Government will be pleased to peruse the same.

(15) This new Board was constituted on 20th June 1932 and till now did only good and there is no criminal case. Granting that there is equal party feeling neither the President nor this Board had done any illegal act. Therefore the Government will be pleased to peruse the statement attached and it will then be just and lawful to come to a decision.

We are of opinion that it will not be beneficial to the rate-payers if a special officer is appointed under section 45-A after the supersession of this Panchayat Board as it will result in high expenses.

We submit these causes with unanimity including President M.R.Ry. J. K. Kandaswami Chettiyar, K. K. Arumuga Mudaliyar, M. K. Palaniswami Chettiyar, Venkatachalam and Mr. K. Thammanna Chettiyar.

24th April 1933. J. K. KANDASWAMI CHETTIYAR.

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*Extract from the Proceedings of the Tiruchengodu Taluk Board passed at its meeting held at Sankari on Tuesday, the 2nd May, 1933, at 2 p.m.*

PRESENT:

M.R.Ry. L. Sengottuvela Goundar Avargal, President, and 19 others.

1. Read G.O. Ms. No. 1473, L. & M., dated 12th April 1933, calling upon this Board to show cause why the Komarapalayam Panchayat Board should not be superseded for a period of one year under section 45-A (1) of the Act in the circumstances stated therein.

*Resolution.*—Resolved that the Panchayat Board be superseded for one year. M.R.Ry. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder Avargal dissenting.

*Reason for dissent.*—It would have been better if the Government have deputed either the Collector or the Revenue Divisional Officer, who are not concerned with the Local Fund administration, to make enquiries in the matter and then passed orders after receipt of their reports, since there are party factions in the Panchayat Board, Komarapalayam, and the President, District Board, was expected to show partiality between the factious parties.

L. SENGOTTUVELA GOUNDER,
*President.*

*Extract from the Proceedings of the special meeting of the Salem District Board held on 29th April* 1933.

PRESENT:

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[Non-delegated—Board—Komarapalayam Panchayat Board—Supersession—Notice to show cause against—Issued by Government.]

1. G.O. Ms. No. 1473, L. & M., dated 12th April 1933, calling on the Komarapalayam Panchayat Board, the Tiruchengodu Taluk Board and the Salem District Board under sub-section (2) of section 45-A of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, to show cause within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Government Order why the Panchayat should not be superseded for a period of one year under section 45-A (1) of the Act.

*Note.*—The petitions, dated 27th December 1932 and 30th December 1932 and telegram, dated 29th December 1932, from certain members of the Komarapalayam Panchayat Board containing allegations against the President of that Panchayat Board were transferred in Government Memorandum No. 122-1-A-2, L. & M., dated 19th January 1933, to the President, District Board, Salem, for disposal or report if necessary.

Again petition, dated 23rd January 1933, from certain members of the Panchayat Board and petition, dated 24th January 1933, from S. V. Appavu Pillai, clerk, Panchayat Board, and telegrams, dated 30th January 1933 and 4th February 1933, from M.R.Ry. Lakshmana Chettiyar, member, Komarapalayam Panchayat Board, and from

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M.R.Ry. Palaniswami Chettiyar, representative of the Komarapalayam tax-payers, respectively, were referred in Government Memorandum No. 4485-A-1/A-2, dated 7th February 1933, to the President, District Board, for early enquiry and report.

Petitions were also received by the President, District Board, direct and through the Collector of Salem and the Inspector of Local Boards. all containing allegations against the President and some members of the Panchayat Board. Thereupon the President, District Board, held an enquiry into the matter at Komarapalayam one day and at Salem on another day. On these two occasions both the parties with their vakils were present. The result of the enquiry was reported to Government along with the petitions and telegrams referred to him by the Government. The Government have now observed that the President of District Board's enquiry has shown that the President's party and the opposition on the Panchayat Board are equally balanced and that the administration is practically at a stand-still except for such business as the President and his party continue to dispose of at meetings held without the knowledge of the members of the opposition that the President has been guilty of several serious irregularities and abuses of power and that he has dismissed the entire establishment of the Panchayat and that the Panchayat Board which is unable to exercise any effective check on the vagaries of its President and which is too preoccupied with party strife to be able to discharge its duties to the villagers has rendered itself incompetent to perform the duties imposed on it by law.

*Resolution.*—In the circumstances stated in the note and in the interest of the villagers this Board has no objection to the supersession of the Komarapalayam Panchayat Board.

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## APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 73 asked by Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd August 1933, page 163 supra.]

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Letter, dated 20th July 1933, from B. Thimmannacharya, landlord, Brahmavar, South Kanara, to the hon. the Law Member.

In a general meeting of the villagers of Kergal, Nandanavan, Kambadakone, Heranjalu, Kirimanjeshwara, Uppunda, Bijur, etc., assembled at Nayakanakatte on the 11th of July 1933, the villagers thereof, after passing certain resolutions setting forth their grievances in respect of the recent notification by the District Forest Officer, North Mangalore, in the District Gazette of 24th January 1933, have authorized and instructed me, as their elected President, to submit a copy of the proceedings to you for kind consideration. The copy is herewith enclosed.